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DPW Prepares Construction Sites for Winter Weather

Freezing Temperatures Won't Delay RebuildIndy Work

INDIANAPOLIS -- For the last few weeks, the Department of Public Works (DPW) has been working with construction crews across the county to ensure that RebuildIndy construction sites are winterized.

"Much of our RebuildIndy work involves street resurfacing and repairs," said DPW Director David Sherman. "Cold weather prohibits some of that work from moving forward and we don't want motorists or snow plow operators to be inconvenienced or slowed down by unfinished streets."

Part of DPW's Winterization Plan includes ensuring that manholes, either higher or lower than the street's surface, are level. Otherwise, snow or ice may freeze in the spaces between the manhole and the ground or snow plows may get caught. On roads with unfinished surfaces, crews are using temporary paint to draw lane markers as opposed to temporary tape which isn't durable in winter weather.

Some aspects of RebuildIndy won't be affected by winter weather; concrete can be poured even in freezing temperatures. By laying insulated blankets on the ground, workers can cover new concrete until it's finished curing. Those methods can be seen on New Jersey Street between Michigan Street and St. Clair Street. Work on bridges will also continue throughout the winter and bridge closures will remain in effect.

"We made a concerted effort to keep RebuildIndy projects on schedule this year," said Sherman. "The winterization efforts we're making now will ensure that, when spring arrives and projects are back in full swing, we won't have to re-do the work we did this year."

RebuildIndy is Mayor Greg Ballard's initiative to repair crumbling infrastructure throughout the county. Motorists are asked to slow down and use caution when driving through a RebuildIndy construction zone. For more information about RebuildIndy visit, www.indy.gov/RebuildIndy, email RebuildIndy@indy.gov or call (317) 327.2656. You may also follow construction updates on Twitter at @RebuildIndy.

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